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DATE OF CONTENT 29 August to 10 September 1953

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## REFERENCES

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Between 29 August and 9 September 1953, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Feienwalde was about 75 percent occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia. On 29 August, 4 T-34/85 tanks and 5 trucks stood in the barracks yard, where about 50 soldiers had fallen in. At 9:30 a.m., 10 T-34/85 tanks entered the installation. At 8:45 a.m. on 2 September, 22 trucks were determined in the garage opposite the barracks installation. About 100 soldiers without weapons were assembled in the yard. Troops including many young soldiers with closely cropped hair, were seen in most of the windows of the quarters. At 10 a.m. on 3 September, 9 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers moved out of the installation toward Gersdorf. At 7:30 p.m. the installation was lighted, except for about 15 windows.

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2. On 9 and 10 September, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by about 2,500 troops. At 9:30 a.m. on 10 September, fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the installation toward Altranft. An armored personnel carrier with 1 officer and 8 EM drove in the same direction. At 2 p.m., 1 armored scout car, 3 armored personnel carriers and truck [redacted] towing a 57-mm AT gun returned to the installation. Between noon and 1:30 p.m., tank and machine gun firing was heard from the direction of the Altranft troop training grounds. The firing practice terminated about 1:30 p.m., following a bugle call. [redacted]

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An innkeeper told source that Red Army soldiers were again permitted to frequent German inns and that alcoholic beverages could be sold. It was said that an agreement between the commanding officer of the unit and the German municipal authority was made, according to which German families were expected to invite a Soviet soldier one Sunday a month.<sup>1</sup>

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25X1 [ ] Comment. The report tends to indicate that, prior to 10 September, apparently heavy elements of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt and 93d Tank Regt and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn, all of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, were at Bad Freienwalde post. It could not clearly be determined whether only a field exercise was held by these units on 5 September, or whether the troops were to be exchanged with other units of the division for practice at the Templin troop training grounds, as the number of vehicles seen at the installation on 9 September was considerably larger than that seen prior to 5 September.

25X1 [ ] Comment. [ ] confirms the 16th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bad Freienwalde until 14 July 1953. [ ] confirms the 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bad Freienwalde until 15 July 1953.

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